

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF SMALL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to modernise small airports in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any action plan has been drawn up and if so, the details of allocation so far made for the purpose; and
- (c) the details of small airports in Maharashtra that are proposed to be undertaken under this action plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) :- The modernisation of all airports including small airports is an ongoing process depending upon the demand and availability of resources. During 2000-01, there is plan of Rs.527.34 crores for undertaking modernisation works at various airports. The details of various projects of modernisation relating to small airports in Maharashtra are as under:-

- (1) Site survey is being carried out for construction of technical block cum control tower at Nagpur airport with a plan allocation of Rs.5 lakhs. Work is in progress for extension of apron, strengthening and widening of taxiway at a cost of Rs. 47 lakhs. It will lead to better air traffic management and increase in aircraft parking capacity.
- (2) During 2000-2001, an allocation of Rs.50 lakhs has been made for expansion of apron in the Civil Enclave at Pune and Indian Air Force have been requested for release of 5 acres of additional land. This will increase the apron parking capacity.
- (3) Work is in progress for face lift of terminal building at Aurangabad airport. The projects in Phase-III.e. extension of runway, apron, construction of new terminal building and car parking area at a cost of Rs. 67.11 crores will be taken up on receipt of the approval of Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan. An allocation of Rs.1 lakhs has been made during 2000-2001. AB-300 class of aircraft can operate and terminal building will facilitate 500 passengers at a time after this project is completed.